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SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S MAY 23 SPEECH TO ASSEMBLED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

REF: A) MANILA 7160 B) MANILA 6987 C) MANILA 6716

1. PRESIDENT'S SPEECH (REF A) HEWED ESSENTIALLY TO LINES HE SET OUT IN OUR TALK MAY 21 (REF B) WITH RHETORICAL EMBELLISHMENTS ADDED FOR DELECTATION OF AUDIENCE. RHETORIC VERY MUCH IN KEEPING WITH THEME CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE HAVE ENUNCIATED UNDER INSPIRED BATON OF FRED ELIZALDE, CURRENT PRESIDENT OF PHILIPPINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHO HAS BEEN ELICITING SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT'S "REVIEW OF SECURITY" AROUND THE COUNTRY IN COORDINATION WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
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2. SPEECH PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR PRESIDENT TO SPELL OUT NEW FLEXIBLE PHILIPPINE FOREIGN POLICY IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO VISIT TO PEKING WHICH WE STILL UNDERSTAND IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY JUNE. IT MAXIMIZES HIS OPTIONS WHILE MAINTAINING FAIRLY MEASURED AND FRIENDLY TONE HE USED WITH ME.

3. ALTHOUGH MARCOS' SPEECH MIGHT APPEAR TO OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR REASSURING RESPONSE FROM U.S., I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT WE ADHERE TO POLICY OF STAYING MUM. (REF C). MARCOS IS PLAYING TO DOMESTIC AUDIENCE AND PROSPECTIVE CHINESE HOSTS. THERE IS NO NEED TO RESPOND ON OUR PART AND POSSIBLE DAMAGE COULD BE DONE TO OUR EVENTUAL NEGOTIATING POSITION, IF WE ATTEMPT TO ANSWER EAGERLY BEFORE WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR OWN EVALUATION OF CURRENT SOUTHEAST ASIAN SITUATION.  
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